

ROSE ISLAND LIGHTHOUSE FOUNDATION NEWS



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CONANICUT YACHT CLUB
TO HOST ROSE ISLAND
LIGHTHOUSE FOUNDATION
ANNUAL MEETING - -
CATE CRONIN, SPEAKER



We are very happy to be holding our 8th Annual Meeting at the Conanicut Yacht Club in Jamestown. We are equally thrilled to have as our speaker, Cate Cronin, Director of the Maine Island Trail Association (MITA), which represents a membership of 2200 individuals (including our own kayaking keeper Christopher Owens) and more than 65 islands along the coast of Maine.

Specifically designed for people using small boats, MITA's goal is "to provide an exceptional recreational asset that is maintained and cared for by the people who use it, and to encourage a pattern of thoughtful use that will assure preservation of Maine's islands in their natural state."

Through its programs, newsletters and map-filled guidebook, MITA expounds and encourages an ethical pattern of use and voluntary service among members as well as the general public and develops a sense of stewardship among all groups, with obvious benefits to users, property owners and the islands alike.

As each of us evaluates and develops our own individual and collective roles as stewards of Narragansett Bay, its islands and tributaries, it is hoped we can learn from Cate's Maine island experiences.

The business meeting and slide presentation will be followed by a buffet dinner offering both Bermuda steak strips and stuffed filet of sole as entrees. Tickets are limited, so please make your reservations soon.



Our April Fool's Day Spaghetti Dinner at the Seamen's Church Institute provided great food, great company, great fun-raising and fund-raising, too!

As thunder, lightning and torrential rains fell outside, we merrily sang the song of the evening which went like this: (tune: "On Top of Old Smoky")

On top of spa-ghe-tti
All co-vered with cheese
Stands Rose Is-land Light-house
Pret-ty as you please.

She'll keep look-ing bet-ter
As we try with our might,
With the help from our frie-nds
We will LIGHT THE LIGHT!

We are hoping these heart-felt sentiments will be realized with the full \$100,000 balance of our capital fundraising campaign goal being raised by the end of July. *Then we can light the light the first week of August without using fossil fuels!*

To achieve this goal, we're asking everyone we know for help. Starting with our own Board of Directors and general members, we raised \$4,500 in the first two weeks -- enough for the new solar batteries! So, if you have not made your contribution, won't you please consider making one now?

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Thanks to our lovely "Green Galley" hostess and chef Laurice Shaw, plus many other donors and helpers, including Marie Puerini (for fresh pasta), Dan Puerini (for the sauce), Bruce Camardo (for making the meatballs), and Salas' (for garlic bread).

Other volunteer cooks, servers and ticket takers to whom we are grateful include: Nancy Espersen, Christine Camardo, John Dalessio, Kit Weiss, Isabelle Coyle, Christopher Owens, Elias Dalessio and Jeff Szala. We couldn't have done it without you!

Prizes and Sur-prizes were promised. They ranged from a night for two at the lighthouse (won by Pam Gilpin) to a dreaded piano-moving trip to the lighthouse, won by Eleanor Dickinson and Terry Johnson of all people! Hope they've got some strong kids to stand in for them! CD's were donated by WADK radio, business cards by Micrographix, and lighthouse ornaments, mugs, visors, windbreakers, T-shirts and weather rocks were won by the really lucky folks.



A WISH LIST "THANK YOU" GOES TO:

Ralph & Kit Weiss for the mower, hand grinder and other workshop tools, washer & dryer and queen box spring & mattress set; Nancy Espersen & Gordon Armstrong for the practically-new hide-a-bed sofa; John & Laurie MacGowan for Old Glory--after the last storm, we needed one! TJ Brown for firewood to keep Christopher & Morgan warm for the winter; Robin & Marion Monk for the cast iron kitchen stove; Oldport Marine for boat fenders; Newport Yachting Center for the use of a float to move the scrap metal off the island and to Newport Public Works for cleaning it up; Glen Farm for old-fashioned organic fertilizer (you know what that means!); Jackie Barrett (JB Antiques) for an antique metal bed and furnishings; Jill Oltz & Web Wilson for many treasures including glass lamps, inlaid Bible and a great old toilet; Frank Doherty of JT's for white cedar shingles; Charlie Miller of JT's Ship Chandlery for the water foot pumps and bronze fittings; Dick & Cynthia Palmer for the Victorian window latches; Brian Pelletier for doorknobs & hardware; Mike Muesel for solar garden lights; Wayne Wheeler of the U.S. Lighthouse Society for a set of keeper's uniform buttons; and to Newport County Cellular for the phone -- Thank you one and ALL!.

- ★ Glad to be looking a gift horse in the mouth (instead of the other end), we still need some items from our last list, plus: a small oak ice box, TV and VCR (yes, we have electricity) and a Dirt Devil portable vacuum cleaner.
- ★ And we can still use some volunteers to finish working in that fertilizer we got from Glen Farm!



"There's something about an island..." says our Keeper Christopher Owens, and spending a night in the newly-restored lighthouse is a very special adventure, indeed!

Our first floor museum offers an authentic, romantic, turn-of-the century experience. The two bedrooms (one of which is pictured above) become available for overnights when the museum closes at 4pm. Guests may bring picnic dinners or food to cook on the gas barbecue grill. Continental breakfast is provided in the morning. Pitchers of hot and cold water are supplied in the "WC" and solar heated showers are taken in the summer.

Room rates for 1993 are:

	Spring/Summer		Fall/Winter	
	5/1 - 9/30		10/1 - 4/30	
	<u>Membs</u>	<u>Public</u>	<u>Membs</u>	<u>Public</u>
Weekends				
Double	\$120	\$140	\$100	\$115
Single	95	115	75	90
Weekdays				
Double	\$ 95	\$115	\$ 75	\$ 90
Single	70	90	50	65

For all the comforts of home (including full bathroom with running water), the 2nd floor keeper's apartment offers a totally modern experience to those who want to spend a week or more. It also comes with daily record-keeping and maintenance chores. Rates for the apartment are:

		Month	Week
HIGH	Jul. Aug. Sept.	\$2100	\$600
MID	Apr. May. Jun. Oct.	800	250
LOW	Nov. Dec. Jan. Feb. Mar	500	

Other tidbits of information: Overnight parking (seasonal fee) is available by the Ann Street Pier. Dock space at the lighthouse can be made available if you have your own boat. No smoking is allowed anywhere in the lighthouse at any time. No pets, please. All rental incomes are put towards maintenance of the lighthouse.

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REMEMBER ACCESS IS LIMITED



From April 1 - July 15 to protect the nesting birds (some say to protect the visitors!) Special bird watching tours can be arranged through the lighthouse office. Groups are limited to no more than 10 people during this period.

EVENT SCHEDULE

May 15-16 - Maritime Arts Festival, Bowens Wharf. Learn how to build a lighthouse in a bottle. Lighthouse TOURS: Sat. at 11am, 1 & 3pm; Sun. at 1 & 3pm. \$8.00/p
May 20 - Lighthouse slide lecture, Friends of Newport Public Library, 7pm
May 22-23 - Guide Training at Rose Island (Volunteers still needed)
May 29 - July 11 - LIGHTHOUSE TOURS: Saturdays at 10 and 1; Sundays at 1
Ann St. Pier. Limit 10 people. \$8.00/p
June 9 - Annual Meeting. Conanicut Yacht Club. 5-8pm Call for Reservations
July 17 - Lighthouse Opening
August 7 - Light the Light (if we've raised \$100,000 by then!)

Call 847-4242 to sign up in advance for any of these public tours and events.

Tear off here

Your membership status is indicated on your mailing label. If the top line ends with "-94" you are up-to-date. Write "Same" if the following information is the same as your mailing label:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

MEMBERSHIP DUES

— \$ 5 Student	— \$ 50 Inspector
— \$10 Senior	— \$ 100 Superintendent
— \$15 Individual	— \$ 250 Assistant Keeper*
— \$30 Family	— \$ 500 Associate Keeper*
— \$35 Business	— \$1000 Head Keeper*

*"Keeper" memberships include a night for two at the lighthouse.
Telephone 847-4242 for availability.

Enclosed are: • Dues (marked above) through June 30, 1994 in the amount of \$ _____
• Payment for Annual Meeting Dinner tickets: _____ x \$18 member \$ _____
_____ x \$22 public \$ _____
• An additional "LIGHT THE LIGHT" contribution in the amount of \$ _____
• An additional \$3.50 for "first class" mailing instead of "bulk" \$ _____
TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Contributions are deductible within legal limits for U.S. Income Tax purposes. Please mail this form with your payment to: R.I.L.F., P.O. Box 1419, Newport, RI 02840 - THANK YOU!

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The Board of Directors of
THE ROSE ISLAND LIGHTHOUSE FOUNDATION
Cordially invites you to attend our
Eighth Annual Meeting

With Cate Cronin, Director
Maine Island Trail Association
speaking on

"The Maine Island Trail Experience:
A Model for Narragansett Bay?"

Wednesday, June 9, 1993

Conanicut Yacht Club
Bayview Drive, Jamestown, Rhode Island
5:00 - 8:00 PM

Buffet Dinner, Cash Bar \$18.00 members
Reservations required \$22.00 public

Seating is limited, please make your reservations before June 1 by calling 401-847-4242, or you may use the form at the end of this newsletter to reserve dinner tickets and also to renew your membership, if needed.

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